

REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 27, 2010, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response thereto. Claims 1-6, 8-13, 22-27, 29-34, 43-54 and 59-62 are pending. By this Amendment, Claims 1, 8, 11, 22, 29, 32, 43, and 51 are amended. The Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is presented herein. Reconsideration of the Application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection -- 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1-5, 8-13, 22-26, 29-34, 43-54 and 59-62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,438,233 to Yoshimune et al. (hereinafter Yoshimune) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,157,783 to Anderson et al. (hereinafter Anderson) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,115,482 to Sears et al. (hereinafter Sears). Claims 2-3, 45-46 and 53-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshimune, in view of Anderson and Sears, and further in view of US Patent No. 5,208,745 to Quentin et al. (hereinafter Quentin). Claims 6 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshimune in view of Anderson and Sears and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,663,748 to Huffman et al. (hereinafter Huffman). To the extent the rejections remain applicable to the claims as amended, the Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections as follows.

The Applicants submit that the cited references, alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest a method for providing text-to-audio conversion of an electronic

book displayed on a viewer, the method including at least the following combination of features: “receiving a selection of an electronic book for viewing from a list of available electronic books stored in an operations center; providing the selected electronic book from the operations center to the viewer; storing the selected electronic book in a library within the viewer; displaying a page of the selected electronic book on the viewer, the page including text, wherein the operations center is remote from the viewer; receiving a selection of text on the displayed page to be provided in audio; and converting, via the library, at least a portion of the selected text in corresponding audio,” as recited in amended claim 1.

The Office Action relies on Sears to disclose receiving a “selection of text and synthesizing the text into speech.” See, Office Action at page 3. Sears discloses, in col. 5, line 46-col. 6, line 13, an optical-input print reading device where “the user places printed information into the field of view of the camera assembly” and “indicates the text to be read through pointer gestures.” Sears further discloses, in col. 6, lines 12-14, that the “text to be read is converted to speech during speech synthesis 63.” The Applicants submit, however, that the cited portions of Sears do not disclose or suggest “receiving a selection of text on the displayed page to be provided in audio; and converting, via the library, at least a portion of the selected text in corresponding audio,” as recited in amended claim 1. (Emphasis added).

The cited portions of Yoshimune, Anderson, Quentin, and Huffman fail to disclose the above features.

For at least the above reasons, the Applicants submit that claim 1 is allowable over the cited references. For similar reasons, the Applicants submit that claims 8, 11, 22, 29, 32 and 43 are also allowable over the cited references.

As claims 1, 8, 11, 22, 29, 32, 43 and 51 are allowable, the Applicants submit that claims 2-6, 9-10, 12-13, 23-27, 30-31, 33-34, 44-50, 52-54, and 59-62, which depend from claims 1, 8, 11, 22, 29, 32, 43 and 51, respectively, are likewise allowable over the cited references, as well as for the additional features recited therein.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, allowance of Claims 1-6, 8-13, 22-27, 29-34, 43-54 and 59-62, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing attorney docket number 033033-00014.**

Respectfully submitted,



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